

JOURNAL

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AT ITS FIFTH SESSION, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, A. D. 1850.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1850,

Which being the day fixed by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the General Assembly, at 12 o'clock, M., Mr. Charles W. Downing, Secretary of the last Senate, called the Senate to order, and proceeded to call the roll by Districts, when the following Senators appeared and took their seats, viz:

<i>From the</i>	<i>1st District</i>	—	O. M. Avery.
"	"	<i>2d</i>	" N. McMillan.
"	"	<i>3d</i>	" John Ghent.
"	"	<i>4th</i>	" Jesse J. Finley.
"	"	<i>5th</i>	" D. J. Smith.
"	"	<i>6th</i>	" R. J. Floyd.
"	"	<i>7th</i>	" Joseph Austin.
"	"	<i>8th</i>	" A. E. Maxwell.
"	"	<i>9th</i>	" John L. Crawford.
"	"	<i>10th</i>	" William R. Taylor.
"	"	<i>11th</i>	" William P. Moseley.
"	"	<i>12th</i>	" Allen G. Johnson.
"	"	<i>13th</i>	" Robert Brown.
"	"	<i>14th</i>	" O. Buddington.
"	"	<i>15th</i>	" M. S. Perry.
"	"	<i>16th</i>	" G. Stewart.
"	"	<i>17th</i>	" W. A. Forward.
"	"	<i>18th</i>	" M. C. Brown.
"	"	<i>19th</i>	" J. P. Baldwin.

On motion of Mr. Floyd, Mr. Forward assumed the Chair.

The Senators from the 2d, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 19th Districts, were duly sworn by Hon. D. J. Smith, a Justice of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the Senate proceeded to the election of a President.

Mr. Maxwell nominated Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Avery.

The vote was as follows:

For Floyd—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Benton, Forward, Ghent, Johnson, Maxwell, Perry, Taylor—9.

For Avery—Messrs. Austin, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart—8.

Blank—Messrs. Avery and Floyd—2.

The Chairman decided that Mr. Floyd was duly elected President.

Mr. Smith appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was not sustained.

The Senate proceeded to a second voting.

The result was as follows:

For Floyd—Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Benton, Floyd, Forward, Ghent, Johnson, Maxwell, Perry, Taylor—10.

For Avery—Messrs. Austin, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart—8.

Blank—Mr. Avery—1.

The Chair decided that Mr. Floyd was duly elected President.

On motion, Messrs. Baldwin and Avery were appointed a Committee to conduct the President elect to the Chair.

The President, in an eloquent and appropriate address, expressed his sense of gratitude for the honor conferred upon him.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Chief Secretary.

Mr. Baldwin nominated Neill McPherson, of Walton County.

Mr. McPherson was unanimously elected.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the election of an Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Forward nominated Asa A. Stewart, of Columbia County.

Mr. Stewart was unanimously elected.

The Senate proceeded to the election of an Enrolling and Engraving Clerk.

Mr. Smith nominated John B. Linn, of Wakulla County.

Mr. Baldwin nominated John G. Smith, of Gadsden County.

The vote was as follows:

For Linn—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, Ghent, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart—10.

For Smith—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Benton, Forward, Johnson, Maxwell, Perry, Taylor—9.

Mr. Linn was declared duly elected.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Moseley nominated John Livingston, of Madison County.
Mr. Forward nominated John Daffin, of Leon County.

The vote was as follows:

For Daffin—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown of Columbia, Brown of Benton, Forward, Ghent, Johnson, Maxwell, Perry, Taylor—10.

For Livingston—Messrs. Austin, Avery, Buddington, Crawford, Finley, McMillan, Moseley, Smith, Stewart—9.

Mr. Daffin was declared duly elected.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Messenger.

Mr. Ghent nominated Isaac Welch, of Walton County.

Mr. Welch was unanimously elected.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Door-Keeper.

Mr. Johnson nominated Luther S. Reed, of Hamilton County.

Mr. Reed was unanimously elected.

Messrs. McPherson, Chief Secretary, Stewart, Assistant Secretary, Daffin, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Isaac Welch, Messenger, were duly sworn by Hon. D. J. Smith, a Justice of the Peace.

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Printer for the Senate.

Mr. Forward nominated Messrs. Hilton & Dyke, of the "Floridian & Journal," who were duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Forward, Messrs. Brown of Benton, Crawford, and Baldwin were appointed a Committee, on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the House, to fix upon the rate of compensation to be allowed for the printing of the General Assembly, during the present session.

Mr. Maxwell moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon and inform the House of Representatives, and his Excellency the Governor, that the Senate is now organized and ready to proceed to business.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Maxwell, Avery, and Finley were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Avery,

Resolved, That the Rules of the last session of the Senate be adopted as the Rules of the present Senate until other Rules be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Benton, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1850.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Forward moved that the rules be waived, and he allowed to introduce a bill.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Linn, Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and Mr. Reed, Door-Keeper, were severally sworn by Hon. D. J. Smith, a Justice of the Peace.